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Dear Beekeeper:

Each year all beekeepers in the County are required to register their colonies with the Agricultural Commissioner. This is a process that is designed to be beneficial to you as well as people who live and work near your apiaries. Registration is even more important since Africanized Honey Bees are established in San Diego County. There are several advantages to registration:

- Registration is required by state law. If you do not register and you are reported to the Commissioner, you can be fined. In addition, when we receive complaints about registered beekeepers we make every effort to resolve them without fines or regulatory action.
- Your registration makes you part of our honeybee information network. We can send you the latest information on eradication programs, zoning and abatement changes, bee pests and diseases, research and any regulatory efforts that arise because of these problems.
- We can inform you of educational opportunities in your field, since our office and the Cooperative Extension will be offering periodic training on how to continue AHB-free beekeeping.
- Registration will expedite your notification before pesticide applications.

We would like to request your help regarding potentially unregistered or abandoned hives. Please contact our Entomology Program to report the location, number of boxes and any other pertinent information regarding such hives. You may report these in writing to the above address or by calling either (858) 694-3897 or the Honey Bee Information Line at 1-800-200-BEES.

Attached you will find an apiary registration form for 2011. Please complete form and return it with your **\$10.00 registration fee**. Questions about the form or apiary registration in general can be directed to Dr. David Kellum, County Entomologist, at (858) 694-3076. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this important program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure